

# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY – DECEMBER 17, 2012 6 PM

## TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM

Chairman Austin Knight convened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following:

Board of Selectmen attending: Austin Knight, Elaine Anderson, John Santos, David McChesney and Erik Yingling.

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner and Municipal Finance Director Dan Hoort

Recorder: Vernon Porter

Note: Due to no quorum this meeting, previously scheduled for December 10, 2012 had to be reschedule to today – Monday, December 17, 2012.

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

Chairman Knight request a moment of silence for the 21 children and 6 adults killed and all those affected by the tragedy at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown, Connecticut.

**MOTION:** *Move that be Board of Selectmen vote to take agenda item 1A out of order until the applicant arrives.*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson    **Seconded By:** John Santos    Yea 5    Nay 0

### 1A **PUBLIC HEARING – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

337 Commercial Street – Land’s End Marine

Selectman Anderson read the Public Hearing Notice into the record.

Public Comments – None

Lee White – representing Land’s End. This will be used for employees only.

This EDP request is to add a 2 bedroom employee housing residential unit to the second floor above the existing retail business (220 gpd + 5 gpd correction = total 225 gpd increase).

“DRAFT” Economic Development Permit, along with supporting information including the EDP application, floor plan of the unit is attached to this agenda packet.

**MOTION:** *Move that be Board of Selectmen vote to approve Economic Development Permit 12-11 for 337 Commercial Street, Lee White on behalf of Land’s End Marine Supply Inc., owner, based on findings that the proposed use is consistent with the criteria set forth in Selectmen’s Policy 2009-02-09, specifically:*

- *Support year-round incomes, and*
- *Support an extended employment season, and*
- *Create or enhance employment opportunities, and*
- *Help to diversify Provincetown’s economic base, and*
- *Create seasonal or year-round employee/business owner housing above and associated with existing businesses throughout the Commercial District*

*subject to the attached permit with the following additional condition, "Approval is contingent upon a Covenant Restriction being placed on the property limiting occupancy of the residential unit to owners/employees of the business located below."*

**Motion by: John Santos    Seconded By: Elaine Anderson    Yea 5    Nay 0**

**MOTION: *Move that be Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Residential Restrictive Covenant as approved to form by Town Counsel.***

**Motion by: Elaine Anderson    Seconded By: David McChesney    Yea 5    Nay 0**

**1B    VISITOR SERVICES BOARD (VSB)**

Proposed Five-year Financial Plan for Tourism Fund Expenditures

Attendees: VSB Director Tony Fuccillo and Radu Luca and members Mick Rudd, Lynn Mogell, Marian Peck, Hersh Schwartz and Michael Peregou.

This agenda item was rescheduled from the November 13, 2012 meeting as there was no quorum. On October 3, 2012, the Visitor Services Board unanimously approved the Five Year Plan for FY 2014 to FY 2018, drafted by the Director of Tourism. The Board of Selectmen last approved a plan on November 14, 2011, and it is updated annually. There have been no changes to the Annual Grant Agreements other than to update the dates for the new fiscal year.

VSB Chairman Mick Rudd - Gave a little background of the VSB and its purpose for generating monies and the distribution to town accounts. Monies the VSB gets is used mainly use for digital marketing.

Tony Fuccillo – Role is to bring more tourism to Provincetown. Total revenues budget for FY 2013 is \$600K. Coordination & Support 20%; Marketing 53.3%; Grants 18.3%; Municipal 5.9% and Beautification 2.5%. Working with new marketing and graphic artist firms.

**MOTION: *Move that be Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Visitor Services Board's recommended Five-Year Financial Plan for Tourism Fund Expenditures for FY2014-FY2018 with amendments of the recommended Agreements for FY2014 Tourism Grants and FY2014 Enhancement Grants.***

**Motion by: Elaine Anderson    Seconded By: John Santos    Yea 5    Nay 0**

**1C    DPW: WATER & WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

Attendees: DPW Director David Guertin

David Guertin reviewed with the Board the strong operating results from FY 2012 for both enterprise funds and the status of FY 2013, which serve as an important baseline for the FY 2014 budgeting for these enterprise funds.

WATER's significant unreserved retained earnings allow for continued funding of the reserve accounts, as recommended by the Finance Committee, at a rate higher than originally projected which was the same as the funding for FY 13, thereby giving this fund a greater ability to deal with emergency repairs or unforeseen operating situations. The remaining unreserved retained earnings balance of greater than \$1 million will provide the opportunity to more fully fund these reserves in the future, as well as to give the Water Department the flexibility to determine the best way to fund the Water System capital projects so as to minimize future market borrowing costs.

While the amount of WASTEWATER's unreserved retained earnings is considerably smaller, it is worth noting that this is the first year in the history of that enterprise fund that there have been positive certified retained earnings. In addition, the efforts of the Administration to finalize enterprise fund accounts on a timely basis meant that the Department of Revenue could certify retained earnings much earlier this year.

**MOTION:** *Move that be Board of Selectmen vote to transfer for the FY 2014 Budget the amount of \$120,000 into the Water Operating Reserve and \$45,000 into the Water Capital Reserve accounts from the available Undesignated Retained Earnings account for the Water Enterprise Fund.*

**Motion by:** David McChesney    **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson    Yea 5    Nay 0

**1D    DPW: COMMERCIAL STREET UPDATE**

DPW Deputy Director Richard Waldo

Attendees: DPW Deputy Director Richard Waldo and DPW Operations Director Sherry Prada.

Comments by DPW Deputy Director Richard Waldo:

- Project is progressing well & on schedule: 2 Months in  
Drainage Complete  
Trees Planted  
Road Reconstruction Nearly Complete  
70% of Road has Binder Course – Paving Remainder Friday, December 21, 2013  
Curb Installation has begun – Will Continue  
After Crews finish paving they will prep sidewalk
- Weather continues to influence our schedule.  
A rocky start it has been cooperating  
Unfortunately, sections of Commercial Street were closed for up to 20 days  
“Perfect Storms” – Sandy, Nor’easter, Thanksgiving, Veteran’s Day  
Followed by cold weather not allowing to lay pavement  
Contractor has been helpful coordinating deliveries with Businesses
- Unsettled weather ahead, although scheduled to pave Friday, - this may change.

Comments to the general public: *“I urge caution to all pedestrians, cyclist & motorist that this remains a construction site and poses many hazards, pay attention to signs, police & barricades.*

*This is a project that the town deserves and has waited for; please do not move the barricades at nighttime or over the weekends. Everyone is working hard to deliver a quality product & not giving the pavement adequate time to cure will jeopardize the quality.”* Please contact Sherry Prada at the DPW office if you have any questions about the project or have any concerns.

A new schedule has been posted on the Town of Provincetown webpage.

2. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Candace Nagle – would like to establish a “No Place for Hate Education Gift Fund”.

Mary-Jo Avellar - CCNS Advisory Committee held a very productive meeting held today. Next mtg. January 16, 2013 at the Center for Coastal Studies and other meetings each month.

Asked Selectmen to contact Art Commission to remove painting and replace it with Joan Ferrara.

Michael Rogovsky - Read statement into record. (See attachment #1)

Rachel White – 1) Would like signs directing motorists where to go when there is a road block. 3) Mooring fees – years ago the system worked but somewhere there has been a breakdown of collecting fee.

3. **SELECTMEN STATEMENTS**

**Erik Yingling**

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the Board’s meeting agenda contents on the town website for each meeting.*

**Motion by:** Erik Yingling    **Seconded By:** John Santos    Yea 5    Nay 0

**John Santos** - None

**Elaine Anderson**

Thank Mary-Jo for her report.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to establish a Combating No Place for Hate gift fund.*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson    **Seconded By:** John Santos    Yea 5    Nay 0

Statement read into the record: Newtown, CT., a town of 2000 people, not unlike our own town, off season. Newtown has been shaken to its core with senseless mayhem, death and unfathomable sadness. The President, in his address to the families in Newton, asked – are we doing enough to protect our children? But even more than that, he asked, are we teaching our children to love themselves and others? It is my solemn hope that we have all heard the questions and that we believe that we can rise to meet the challenges before us – to be loving toward one another and to protect our beautiful community of Provincetown for all to enjoy.

**David McChesney** – makes sure schools are secure. A committee for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pilgrim’s First Landing needs to be created.

**Austin Knight** - Agree with Selectman McChesney to set up a meeting. Town Manager Sharon Lynn - Tourism director will be bringing information forward in January.

4A **BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Elise Cozzi as an Alternate*

*Member on the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee with an expiration date of December 31, 2015.*

**Motion by: Erik Yingling      Seconded By: Elaine Anderson      Yea 5    Nay 0**

Re-Appointments

All terms on this committee expire in the same year. In discussions with the Committee and the Town Clerk it was recommended that the expiration dates of current members for reappointment be staggered so as not to expire all at the same date.

**MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to re-appoint Lydia Hamnquist as a Regular Member on the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee with an expiration date of December 31, 2014.***

**Motion by: Erik Yingling      Seconded By: John Santos      Yea 5    Nay 0**

**MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reappoint Laura Ludwig as a Regular Member on the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee with an expiration date of December 31, 2013.***

**Motion by: Erik Yingling      Seconded By: John Santos      Yea 5    Nay 0**

**4B      TOWN MANAGER RE-APPOINTMENTS**

Disability Commission, Conservation Commission and Historical Commission

These appointments by the Town Manager require approval of the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to MGL C.40, §8C, §8D and §8J and Charter §6-6-1 and §6-9-1

**MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Town Manager's reappointments for terms expiring as follows:***

*(a) Michelle Demarco to the Disability Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, §8J with a term to expire December 31, 2015.*

*(b) David Hale to the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G. L. c.40 §8C and Charter §6-6-1 with a term to expire December 31, 2015; and*

*(c) Stephen Milkewicz, Charlene Priolo and Deborah Minsky to the Historical Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40 §8D and Charter §6-9-1 with a term to expire December 31, 2015.*

**Motion by: Erik Yingling      Seconded By: Elaine Anderson      Yea 5    Nay 0**

**4C      BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S YEAR END REAPPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION: *Move that be Board of Selectmen vote to reappoint the following Board and Committee members, as noted in the attached list, to an additional three-year term to expire on December 31, 2015.***

Airport Commission	Paul Gavin	Regular
Assessors, Board of	Gregory Muse	Regular
Assessors, Board of	Leslie Parsons	Regular
Beautification Committee	Elizabeth Patrick	Alternate
Bicycle Committee	Roger Chauvette	Regular
Bicycle Committee	Mary Ann Powers	Alternate
Council On Aging	Gladys Johnson	Alternate

Cultural Council	Francine 'Olimpio	Regular
Cultural Council	Grace Ryder- O'Malley	Regular
Cultural Council	Tina Trudel	Regular
Board of Health	Laurie Delmolino	Regular
Historic District Commission	Marcene Marcoux	Regular
Historic District Commission	David McGlothlin	Regular
Historic District Commission	Thomas Biggert	Alternate
John Anderson Francis Family Sch. Com	Olympia Ciliberto	Regular
John Anderson Francis Family Sch. Com	Bill Schneider	Regular
Licensing Board	AJ Petras	Regular
Planning Board	John Golden	Regular
Recreation Commission	Carrie Notaro	Regular
Shellfish Committee	Paul Tasha	Regular
Town Scholarship Committee	Olympia Ciliberto	Regular
Town Scholarship Committee	Bill Schneider	Regular
Water & Sewer Board	Mark Collins	Regular
Water & Sewer Board	Kathleen Meads	Regular
Water & Sewer Board	Sacha Richter	Regular
Water & Sewer Board	Jonathan Sinaiko	Regular
Zoning Board of Appeals	David Nicolau	Regular
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thomas Roberts	Regular

**Motion by: Erik Yingling      Seconded By: Elaine Anderson      Yea 5    Nay 0**

**5A      OpenCape PROJECT UPDATE**

Attendees: MIS Director Beau Jacket, Open Cape Corporation CEO Dan Vortherms and Construction Coordinator Gary Delius

OpenCape made its annual update and progress report to the Board of Selectmen presented by Dan Voltherms OpenCape's new CEO and Gary Delius, Construction Coordinator for OpenCape. Also assisting was Beau Jakkett, Provincetown IT Director. Mr. Voltherms detailed the progress to date and the challenges of getting all the rights or licenses in place in order to hang fiber optic cable on the poles owned by Verizon and NSTAR and how the various storms had slowed down that progress. Mr. Delius updated the Selectmen with the news that the fiber is complete from Orleans to Truro and that OpenCape had today received the final license to complete the fiber backhaul through Provincetown. Mr Voltherms discussed the development and provision of 'last mile' services i.e.; connections and availability to citizens in their homes and that OpenCape's prime contractor, CapeNet was having active meetings with the Provincetown Business Guild and the Chamber of Commerce on how best to deliver those services. Mr. Delius and Mr. Voltherms discussed the permitting of the microwave network and that the work was proceeding on schedule toward a completion in Provincetown in early 2013. Mr. Voltherms ended the comments with a projected end date for the construction portion of the grant with service availability in Provincetown by next spring and a commitment to work with the town to develop reasonable solutions for small businesses and people in their homes.

**5B      2012 CALENDAR YEAR PARKING REPORT**

Municipal Finance Director Dan Hoort – Gave a brief report on the 2012 Calendar Year Parking Report. Very successful and will continue to look at other spaces where Kiosks can be used.

**5C1 TREASURER’S TRANSFERS – Beautification Committee Gift Fund**

After paying this request totaling \$4,886.00 from the Beautification Committee Gift Fund the balance remaining is \$13,547.19.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Town of Provincetown Gift Funds, pursuant to MGL C44 § 53A, to approve the use of \$4,886.00 from the Beautification Committee Gift Fund to pay for the attached invoice(s).*

**Motion by:** Erik Yingling      **Seconded By:** John Santos      Yea 5    Nay 0

**5C2 TREASURER’S TRANSFERS – Beautification Committee Gift Fund**

After pay this request totaling \$1,834.76 from the Beautification Committee Gift Fund a balance of \$11,622.43 remains; and \$3.24 from the Beautification Waterfront Gift Fund will leave a balance of (\$0).

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Town of Provincetown Gift Funds, pursuant to MGL C44 § 53A, to approve the use of \$1,834.76 from the Beautification Committee Gift Fund and \$3.24 from the Beautification Waterfront Gift Fund to pay for the attached invoice(s).*

**Motion by:** Erik Yingling      **Seconded By:** John Santos      Yea 5    Nay 0

**5C3 TREASURER’S TRANSFERS – Library Gift Fund**

After pay this request totaling \$1,062.04 for mailing services and postage for fundraising mailing, a balance of \$7,934.39 remains in the Library Gift Fund.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Library Gift Funds, pursuant to MGL C44 § 53A, to approve the use of \$1,062.04 from the Library Gift Fund to pay for the attached invoice(s).*

**Motion by:** Erik Yingling      **Seconded By:** John Santos      Yea 5    Nay 0

**5C4 TREASURER’S TRANSFERS – Library Trust Fund**

Put on next agenda with full invoice.

**5D TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM – REQUEST FOR BEER & WINE SERVICE**

Annual Year Rounder’s Festival

*Erik Yingling recused himself and left the table as he is a friend of the applicant and involved in the event.*

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote pursuant to the Regulations for Public Use of Town Hall, to authorize the consumption or sale of beer, wine or champagne service in the Town Hall Auditorium as requested by Vida Hamnquist, Year Rounder’s Festival, for the annual town festival to be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 (5:00 pm to midnight).*

**Motion by:** John Santos      **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson      Yea 4    Nay 0

Erik Yingling returned.

**5E BARNSTABLE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Letter of Support

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to support the Cape Cod Commission's application to designation Barnstable County as an Economic Development District (EDD).*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson    **Seconded By:** Erik Yingling    Yea 5    Nay 0

**5F1 PARADE PERMIT REQUEST** – The Provincetown 10K Charity Race

This event this year will benefit PAAM and CASAS.

Route: Beginning at Lopes Square, the race will circle Provincetown heading west down Commercial St., towards the West End, following Provincelands Road towards Herring Cove Beach, down Route 6, turning right on Howland Street, left on Bradford to Allerton St., to Commercial St., finishing in front of PAAM, with a cool down walk back to start line at Lopes Square.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Parade Application Permit submitted by Sean McCabe, on behalf of The Provincetown 10K Charity Race 4 Sunset Avenue #2, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, to hold their annual Fundraising Race on Sunday, June 2, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.*

**Motion by:** Erik Yingling    **Seconded By:** John Santos    Yea 5    Nay 0

**5F2 PARADE PERMIT REQUEST** – Annual Family Week 2013 Celebration

Route: Starting at Bas Relief, walk South on Ryder St, West on Commercial to Court Street then North on Court to Bradford and East on Bradford Street back to Bas Relief.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Parade Application Permit submitted by Ally Kuriloff on behalf of the Family Equality Council, PO Box 206, Boston, MA 02133, to hold their annual parade on Friday, August 9, 2012 from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM.*

**Motion by:** Erik Yingling    **Seconded By:** John Santos    Yea 5    Nay 0

**6A TOWN MANAGER FOLLOW-UP**

- 1) Request from Library Director and Chair of Board of Library Directors – long time and major contributor Steve Smith – maintenance plan. Donor is requesting that the Library be painted every 5 years and he is willing to make up the difference in cost \$11,250.00 per year for 5 years.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to set up a Library Maintenance fund for painting only and accept the contributions from Steve Smith.*

**Motion by:** Erik Yingling    **Seconded By:** John Santos    Yea 5    Nay 0

Reminder - Bond meeting on Thursday @ 4 PM.



2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. – 11% increase in meals tax. Sent you report earlier today.  
Barnstable County for the shared Actuarial - looking for commitment letter by first of year.

Article in newspaper – investigation issues with privately owned moorings. Chief determined there was nothing criminal in nature and recommended to complainant that it would probably be a civil matter. District Attorney – December 10, 2012 advising the evidence that was brought forward did not merit enough cause to bring about a criminal charge. Did specify an independent audit be done of the Harbormaster’s office. Information skeptical.

6B **OTHER** – None

7. **MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETINGS**

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of:*

*November 13, 2012 (Regular Mtg.)*

*November 26, 2012 (Regular Mtg.)*

*November 27, 2012 (CIP Mtg.)*

*December 3, 2012 (Joint Mtg. W/Bldg. Cmte.)*

**Motion by:** David McChesney **Seconded By:** John Santos      Yea 5    Nay 0

8. **CLOSING STATEMENTS**

**Erik Yingling** – None

**John Santos** - None

**Elaine Anderson** – None

**David McChesney** – None

**Austin Knight** - None

Motion to adjourn by Erik Yingling at 8:43 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen  
January 2, 2013

Boskutz 12/17/12  
Attachment

I want to share  
some facts

The Provincetown Department of Public Works is responsible for all of the Town's public works functions, including Buildings & Grounds, Cemetery, Highway, Sewer, Trash & Recycling, and Water.

### Town Receives Stimulus Grants

Provincetown is the recipient from ~~USDA Rural Development~~ of \$22 million in federal stimulus money (~~ARRA~~) for major water and sewer capital projects. Water improvements include a water treatment facility at Knowles Crossing that will obviate the need for annual hydrant flushing. Sewer infrastructure improvements include removing the grinder pumps from the extremities of the system and extending service from Snail Road to the Truro town line.

*this one person who works for the town got us this grant the least we can do is build them a decent*

Town Wide Paving Management Plan presentation  
all public roads were surveyed for their current condition, an overview of existing paving conditions in town, and repair costs and budget constraints were identified.

*building in which to work*

Our police department has 4,475 properties in its jurisdiction. 4,253 property tax bills went out. Plus, we have 222 tax exempt properties. ~~Remember~~, seashore point is considered just one property. ~~It has all of~~ the condos in it and apartments. It is also tax exempt.

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dly #5*

*even though one of them with  
and considered  
now my statement one property.*

I want to applaud the building committee their due diligence. Due to their meticulous hard work, by investigating the needs and learning of the requirements of a police-public safety building, by touring properly built and secure facilities, they have presented to us, the voters and the taxpayers of this town, an impeccable report that overwhelmingly proves that we are in dire need of a new police station-public safety facility in Provincetown.

I didn't wake up one day and say, "Let's build a new police station public safety facility and a new building to house the DPW and building and grounds crew. No, what I did was send an e-mail to our police chief a few years ago regarding the purchase of motorcycles. The chief in return, invited me to tour the police station. I've always thought to myself, "what a nice spacious police station this is" when passing the dispatch room to get my parking sticker; however, I was terribly mistaken.

That perception quickly evaporated during the tour. I was shocked to see the mats on the damp floor, massive wiring and electronics next to thick water and waste pipes and the crowded, improper conditions and the gouged trough in the cement floor with water in it running the entire length of the garage that acts as their Sally Port.

Last Spring I toured the DPW building, built in the 1950's by the men themselves. It is woefully inadequate to house the three hundred thousand dollars worth of vehicles that keep this town clean and moving. These vehicles would actually be worth half a million dollars at today's prices. There is just no space to garage all of these vehicles properly. There isn't even a couch there for the people who work there 24 hours a day for days on end during snow storms; taking cat naps in the cabs of their trucks in order to keep the town plowed.

I was equally appalled when I saw the buildings and ground building at the cemetery. It isn't a building—it is a garage and it is deplorable. It was jammed to the hilt. Open the garage doors to move things in and out and all of the heat leaves the building and it takes time to warm up again. This building also doubles as the place where bereaved people go to buy burial plots and pay for funerals for their deceased loved

ones. What is most egregious is that it has no bathroom not even a sink. Imagine, there is only a port-a-potty to take care of the needs of the men and women who work there in the summer and winter. This is what the selectmen chose as the building for the buildings and grounds crew twelve years ago. They should all be ashamed of themselves. And you should be proud of yourselves for voting to correct this wrong.

I was shocked at what I saw and it is impossible for me to unsee what I have seen. Instead, I've been compelled to act and to be a staunch proponent of new buildings for our town employees. These current building are so far beyond renovation that they are something that one would expect to see in a third world country.

Town meeting is taking steps to right this wrong. On November 19<sup>th</sup> the building committee had a public hearing and spent two hours soberly explaining the needs for a new building and decrying the condition of our current police station.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the building committee met with the selectmen to deliver its finding on which town owned property would be the best location on which to build the new buildings. These are two totally different subjects. I was able to attend this meeting. I was anxious to hear what they decided, which was to site the new Police station at the DPW.

I look to you, the board of selectmen, as the champions to further the cause of building these new facilities. I look to you to help find ways to finance this by the selling of buildings as was voted at town meeting. I look to you to make a forceful argument between now and the Spring Town Meeting for the need for these buildings. The building committee has determined this need. It has thoroughly examined every town

*you and they have<sup>4</sup>*

owned parcel and ~~has~~ determined that Race Road is the most viable location out of all of town owned properties on which to build the police station-public safety building. And as a taxpayer, I do not want you to even entertain the idea of buying private property with our taxpayer's money when we have viable town owned land on which to build.

The time for discussing if we need these buildings is over—Now is the time to act; to work towards getting them a “yes” vote at Town Meeting.

The facts presented by the building committee need to be broadcast far and wide so every voter understands the dire needs and votes to build them. The overwhelming need for a new police station is stated in the November 19<sup>th</sup> public hearing and the process of choosing the Race Road site is articulated at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> hearing and I sincerely urge every citizen to watch these hearings on PTV. I sincerely hope that every citizen with a question will attend the building committee hearings that are held on Thursdays. We need to build these building and all I ask is that you champion this cause for the good of the town and our town workers who serve us daily. This isn't about politics; it is about correcting some terrible wrongs and doing what is right, noble and proper.

The ~~end~~

*Thank you*